



Students brave haunted offices









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Unsuspecting young students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Head Start programs found there was no quarter to be had on Monday, Oct. 31 once they set foot inside the tribal office buildings around campus. Each hallway was more elaborately decorated than the last, and the concentration of ghosts, zombies, witches and skeletons was enough that even the Ghostbusters would have turned tail and ran. Luckily, there were plenty of little ones dressed as superheroes, equipped to keep their classmates safe long enough to collect their candy.



13th Annual VA/IHS **Native American Veterans Symposium** veteran to veteran "Honoring Their Service; Providing Them Services" **Albuquerque** When: Friday, November 4, 2011 Time: 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. 12:30 - 2:00 Break Out Sessions 7:30 - 8:30 Registration-Duran Drum Group-"Honor Songs" 8:30 Opening Session: Welcome - Frank Lujan, Governor **New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions** All Indian Pueblo Council Veterans Association **Fall Out to South Parking Lot** Ceremony to Honor the Fallen; Taps Retire the Colors - Pueblo of Isleta Veterans 10:30 Recognition of Veterans by Branch of Service Speaker - Dr. Rielage, VAMC - "PTSD"

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Generally, Growth Fund-proorganization has seen the worst of the recession. The number it uses to gauge its prosperity depreciation and amortization

— is projected to beat the Growth Fund's budget by 79 percent and last year's take by 44 percent.

Looking forward, the Growth Fund projects earnings will increase in each of the next four

Several tribal members raised

questions during the presentavided numbers suggest the tion. Byron Frost asked why the Growth Fund had sold certain holdings rather than kept them for future development, to earnings before interest, taxes, which Director of Operations Bob Zahradnik said the offer simply exceeded the holding's value and made good business sense.

Frost also suggested that the method for calculating tribalmember dividends should be reconsidered to share more of Growth Fund profits with the membership. Mike Olguin, vice

chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, said Frost's comments were noted.

Orville Hood asked about diversification, and why nearly nine-tenths of the Growth Fund's earnings come from energy.

"Energy is what is doing well," Valdez said. "In a recession, a diversified portfolio must be managed wisely."

Valdez said the tribe's other investments in areas such as realestate development also show promise.

See It Stop It kicks off season



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Participants and leaders of the See It Stop It Youth Leadership Project met for a kickoff event at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The antiviolence group will meet every second and fourth Wednesday at the Southern Ute Education Building.